

**REMARKS**

This paper responds to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action mailed on September 22, 2006.

Claim 5 is amended, claim 7 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 8 - 21 are added; as a result, claims 1-6 and 8-21 are now pending in this application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to the subject matter of claim 7.

New claims 8-21 are supported by the specification. Claims 8-16 depend from claim 1 and are believed allowable therewith.

**Withdrawn claims 5-6**

Applicant herein amends claim 5, which should result in reinstatement of claims 5-6 in the present application. The Office Action dated 2/8/2005 indicated that Group II (claims 5-6 and Group I (claims 1-4) were related as a process of making and product made. The Office Action continues "In the instant case the stencil as claimed can be made by a materially different process such as one wherein a sheet of material impervious to the printed material is coated on the top surface of the sheet of material with a first coating . . . thereafter the pattern of stencil openings is formed by punching the material and finally the one or more side surfaces of the stenciling openings is coated with the first coating." Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5, as amended, encompasses the above process for forming the stencil. Accordingly, the product is not made by a materially different process. Reinstatement of claims 5-6 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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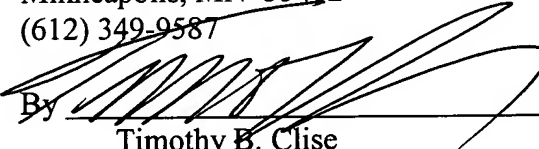
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